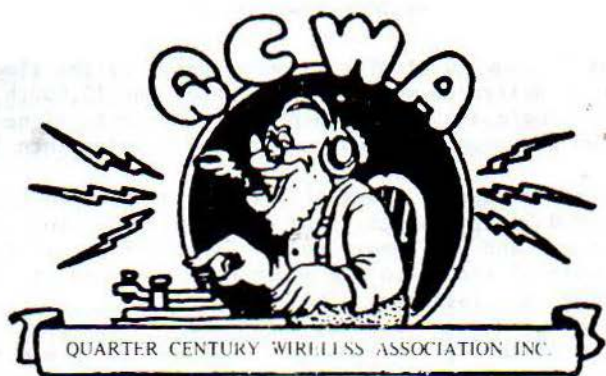


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HEADQUARTERS REPORT

Business is booming at QCWA Headquarters. By the time this Newsletter is delivered we will have issued our 10,000th QCWA membership. There are now 82 chapters and reports of new ones springing up all over the country. QCWA is coming into its own!

There are a number of items of special interest in this issue. First, the QSO Party results. Our congratulations to those who made top scores and our thanks to all for the fine participation. A special note of thanks to the Houston Chapter and its Contest Committee for an outstanding job.

Next item of special interest is the forthcoming election of officers. The Nominating Committee has presented its proposed slate of officers. (See page 4). Ballots will be mailed around the first of August. Be sure to cast your ballot.

Third item is the Annual Meeting of the National QCWA. See details on page 5. All members are urged to attend this meeting on September 12 at Reston, Virginia. This is your "stockholders meeting." Come if you possibly can and be sure you have a representative from your chapter.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

The idea of an Associate Membership in the local QCWA Chapters has been soundly rejected by the great majority of the chapters, and a number of people have pointed out that such a membership would be unconstitutional.

The By-laws require that "Each Chapter member must be and continue to be a member in good standing of the (National) QCWA," and the Constitution says a National member must have been licensed as least 25 years. It doesn't look like there are any loop holes there. You must have been licensed at least

SILENT KEYS

It is our sad duty to report the following Silent Keys:

W2RMM	Casimer Sroka #6043L	W7AWP	Jeff E. Atwood #1273
K4BUM	Claude H. Leroux #6163	W7HRV	Carl E. Braun #4644
K4FJ	Real C. Chounard #698	W8AW	Frank L. Taylor #7343
W4KF	Chester H. Young #9012	K8BOB	Al G. Bessel #1770
K4RJ/W3DKP	Wm. L. Smith #2478L	W8CL	Ross N. Hayes #3967
W4TV	Frank O. Button #5569	W8CEQ	Wm. A. Manfrass #6190
W5DY	James Washburn #6960	W8WI	Robert Lohmann #2701L
W50J/K4FG	Jos. D. Jones #7226L	W9AQ	Joseph H. Appel #3862L
W5SYX	Donald E. Illian #4062	WB9BOT	Oliver Wheaton #7201
W6FDH	Charles G. Ross #8545	W9KRO	Donald B. Smith #7206
W60JU	Wm. A. Peterson #2502	WØHTG	Robert E. Lora #4791
WA6ZAY	A.J. Johnson, Sr #4325	VK2GA	John W. Walker #7990

HEADQUARTERS REPORT, Continued

25 years in order to qualify for any kind of "membership." There is still nothing wrong with encouraging younger people (in terms of amateur service) to participate at the local chapter level, but this can be done without conferring the status of "member" upon them.

Any chapters that took action on establishing an Associate Membership are being asked to recind their action. There won't be any chance for official discussion until the Annual Meeting and Board Meeting in September, but it is pretty clear now that an Associate Membership will never get approval.

YEARBOOK SUPPLEMENT

The Yearbook supplement is ready to go to the printers. It contains over 600 new listings that have come in since the cut-off date of the old Yearbook - in May of 1974. Copies will be sent free upon request. If you haven't sent in your request already, do it now. We plan to mail around the middle of July. All we need now is to know how many to print. Write to QCWA Headquarters, 2012 Rockingham Street, McLean, Virginia 22101

ALPHA-BY-NAME DIRECTORY

The Alpha-by-Name Directory is still in the works, but it is going to take a little bit more time. No estimates on the cost have been obtained yet. We are still hoping to do it for around \$3.00. Some people apparently misunderstood the intent of this directory. It was never intended to take the place of the Call Sign Directory or to change its format. The Alpha-by-Name Directory will be prepared on a self-supporting basis and sold to those who are willing to pay enough for it to cover all production costs. If you don't want it, you don't pay for it.

June 1975

Ethel, K4LMB

NATIONAL ELECTION

Pursuant to Article VI of the By-laws, election of Officers and Directors of the Association shall be held at the Annual Meeting of the QCWA each odd-numbered year.

A Nominating Committee was appointed by President Gunther at the Board Meeting held on April 25 in Dayton, Ohio. The committee consisted of Chairman George Sperry, W4UKA; Paul M. Cornell, W8EFE; and Herb Glead, W6FQ.

The committee, after due deliberation, reports it is their opinion that it will be impossible to find anyone who can better serve QCWA than the current officers and directors. They obtained consent from all except current Secretary Harry Wills, W1DJ. The committee then nominated current Director Don Meserve, WØHG, to the post of Secretary and nominated Hal Sears, W5NC, to replace Mr. Meserve on the Board of Directors.

The slate proposed by the Nominating Committee is:

President: Frank A. Gunther, W2ALS
Vice Pres: Harry S. Gartsman, W6ATC
Treasurer: Mark J. Devaney, K4IDC
Secretary: G. Don Meserve, WØHG

Directors: J. R. David, W4YK
Art Milligan, W8KW
H. H. Robinson, W4QR
Hal Sears, W5NC
Clarence Seid, W2KW/KV4AB

Section 2, Article VI of the By-laws further provides that petition may be submitted for additional nominations, signed by one hundred (100) members in good standing and post-marked at least sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting, nominating any eligible member in good standing for any office or directorship. The Secretary, upon verifying the validity of the petition, shall cause the name of the candidate(s) to be placed on the ballot.

Ballots and brief biographical outlines of each candidate will be mailed to all members by first class mail by 1 August. Polls will be closed September 1 and ballots will be counted by a board of Tellers. Results will be announced at the Annual Meeting on September 12. Be sure to cast your ballot.

Petitions should be sent to the Secretary in care of the Headquarters office, 2012 Rockingham Street, McLean, Va. 22101.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Quarter Century Wireless Association will be hosted by the Washington, D.C. Chapter on September 12, 1975 at the Sheraton Inn International Conference Center, Reston, Virginia. The meeting will be held just prior to the ARRL National Convention at the same location.

The Annual Meeting will start at 10 a.m. Friday morning, featuring introduction of the newly elected National officers, a report from the September 11 meeting of the QCWA Board of Directors, and an Open Forum for all QCWA members. A luncheon is scheduled at noon with outstanding speakers and presentation of Golden Anniversary Awards and other awards and certificates. Friday afternoon will be open for general fellowship or participation in the ARRL Technical Symposiums. Friday evening, Ed Redington, W4ZM, will give his famous demonstration of a real, live, operating spark gap transmitter (with blessings of FCC!)

Saturday morning starts the ARRL National Convention - and it looks like it is going to be a fine one. You won't want to miss this QCWA Annual Meeting and the ARRL National Convention.

Make your plans and reservations now.

A Convention brochure with full details will be mailed upon receipt of your request

P.O. Box 682

McLean, Va. 22101

General registration fee of \$3.50 will entitle you to the QCWA Annual Meeting and the ARRL Convention. Send for your Convention registration or pick up ticket at the door. The QCWA Luncheon Friday noon will cost \$6.00 each. Visitors and guests are welcome. Advance reservations are required.

Reston, Virginia is a suburb of Washington, D.C. The International Conference Center is located 5 miles from Dulles International Airport and about 25 miles from downtown D.C. All activities will be held at the Conference Center. Room accommodations may be charged on any major credit card. Special rates for the convention are \$29.00 single occupancy, \$34.00 double occupancy. Additional facilities are available close by. Self-contained campers may be parked on the hotel parking lot. There is plenty of free parking - with security patrol.

DON'T MISS QCWA ANNUAL MEETING

September 12

Fill out the reservation form on the next page and send it in now - c/o Sam Newman, W3HN; 2921 Terrace Drive, Chevy Chase, Md. 20015.

OPERATING ACTIVITIES

By Ted Heithecker, W5EJ

The 18th Annual QSO Party was a huge success, with 289 logs sent in to the Houston Chapter contest committee. There were many comments on the system used in 1975, which was designed to emphasize the QCWA local chapters. It was very interesting to some and very hard to handle for others; but by any test, the Party was a terrific success.

We cannot say too much about the fine work done by the members of the Houston Chapter who were responsible for the scoring and for the excellent report sent to form a permanent record of those who participated. We can only say, thanks, Gang, for a wonderful job.

The Gator Chapter has volunteered to sponsor the 1976 QSO Party and Chairman Lou Sieck, K4NE, is busy with his committee working up the rules for the 19th Annual QSO Party. It promises to be a hum-dinger.

We have heard some members express the wish that we had a Fall Party, say for late September each year. If you will write to me and give your support, we will attempt to work out a Party which would be supplemental to the Annual QSO Party, but would not duplicate it exactly. Let us know your wishes. Write W5EJ.

QCWA Annual Meeting
c/o Sam Newman, W3HN
2921 Terrace Drive
Chevy Chase, Md. 20015

September 12

Reston, Va.

Please enter my reservations for the QCWA Annual Meeting at the Sheraton Inn, Reston, Virginia on September 12, 1975. Enclosed is my check to cover

_____ Luncheon tickets @ \$6.00 each
(Make checks payable to QCWA, Washington Chapter)

I will pick up my \$3.50 General Registration ticket at the door or will register directly with the ARRL National convention.

ACCOMODATIONS: (If not registering with ARRL Convention also)

Please make reservations at the Sheraton Inn as follows:

_____ Single room _____ Double room Number in party _____

Arrival Date & Time _____ Departing _____

Name _____ Call _____ QCWA # _____

Address _____

Zip _____

QSO PARTY WINNERS

The Contest Committee of the Houston Chapter is proud to submit the following tabulation of the top 25 contestants of our 18th QCWA QSO Party.

Rank	Call	Score	Contacts	Chapt	Dir	AL	Chapter
1	W3IN	33,142	454	64	9	96	Wash. D.C.
2	W9DL	26,352	366	67	5	82	Chicago
3	W4WKQ	24,984	347	65	7	61	Suwannee
4	W6FQ	21,624	318	59	9	55	So. Calif
5	W4NH	20,940	349	55	5	72	Wash. D.C.
6	W9GIL	19,182	278	64	5	44	Wisconsin
7	K9CLO	15,810	255	56	6	63	A/L Indiana
8	W1CT	14,592	256	51	6	59	New England
9	W6BZE	13,924	236	55	4	40	San Diego
10	W9CAS	13,420	244	51	4	59	Wisconsin
11	W0AR	13,340	230	49	9	38	Mid Continent
12	W5OB	12,238	211	55	3	37	A/L Louisiana
13	W7JSZ	12,064	208	53	5	39	Arizona
14	W7AYO	12,000	240	48	2	45	Northwest
15	K4RT	11,592	207	50	6	41	Sun Coast
16	K4QG	11,310	195	53	5	32	Gator
17	W2ALS	11,284	182	54	8	32	N.Y. Metro
18	W8JM	11,220	204	51	4	48	West Virginia
19	W5LQ	11,200	200	52	4	40	Dallas
20	W8MXO	10,696	191	50	6	33	Cleveland
21	W2CVF	10,614	183	51	7	27	N. New Jersey
22	W9IB	10,388	196	46	7	45	Chicago
23	W5GZ	9,912	177	50	6	25	Dallas
24	W9ACU	9,900	180	51	4	29	A/L Illinois
25	K7BZ	9,288	172	49	5	27	Arizona

Additional scores are shown on page 8.

Congratulations to Don Mc Clenon, W3IN for winning the QSO Party for the fourth consecutive year. Don now has the permanent retention of the last plaque and one "leg" on the new one.

Our thanks to the Houston Contest Committee for an outstanding job in handling the QSO Party and the monumental job of scoring and tabulating the results. They have also prepared an excellent report which will be of considerable value to chapters sponsoring future contests. The committee was

W5AIR, K5AZ, W6FR, W5GPD
W5MDV, W5MRY, WA5RDO & W5YZ

QSO PARTY SCORES

The 18th Annual QSO Party was a huge success, with 289 logs submitted (as compared with 227 for last year and 186 for the previous year). There were many comments on the system used in 1975, which was designed to emphasize the local chapters. One thing it brought out: a lot of people don't know the name of the chapter they belong to!

Following is a break down of the final standing by call area.

Call	Score	Contacts	Chapter	Call	Score	Contacts	Chapter
W1AB	1	1	New England	W2MT	5,040	126	N.Y. Metro
W1ALP	20	5	New England	W2OEQ	2,880	80	N.Y. Metro
W1CNU	3,108	84	New England	W2PF	176	16	N.Y. Metro
W1CT	14,592	256	New England	W2PGU	1,040	52	Mohawk Vly
W1DDC	880	40	A/L Mass.	W2RPZ	874	46	A/L N.Y.
W1DJ	4,200	100	New England	W2RRY	4,095	105	A/L N.Y.
W1DMH	560	40	New England	W2SF	7,950	150	N.Y. Metro
W1EHS	385	35	New England	W2SNJ	216	18	A/L N.Y.
W1EHT	2,170	70	New England	W3ABC	4,826	127	Wash D.C.
W1EOF	204	51	New England	W3ADE	4,510	110	Harrisburg
W1FNE	2,387	77	A/L Conn.	W3AKG	224	16	Pittsburg
W1GKJ	6,533	139	New England	W3DM	646	34	Pittsburg
W1HV	5,964	142	New England	W3DQ	378	21	Del Valley
W1PO	2,905	83	New England	W3FQS	285	19	Reading
W1TEE	4,775	111	A/L Conn.	W3GPR	1,500	50	West Branch
W1TH	350	25	A/L Vermont	W3HK	221	17	Del Valley
W1WY	4,592	112	N.Y. Metro	W3HKS	2,220	74	A/L Del.
W2AIM	5,895	131	N.Y. Metro	W3HWZ	2,911	71	Baltimore
W2ALS	11,284	182	N.Y. Metro	W3KAN/4	7,367	139	A/L Fla
W2BSL/6	49	7	No. Calif.	W3KPI	3,800	100	Pittsburg
W2BVN	1,204	43	Blue Ridge	W3KVS	4,510	110	Pittsburg
W2CNQ	4,368	104	N. N.J.	W3IDO	12	6	Pittsburg
W2CU	1,200	50	N.Y. Metro	W3IN	33,142**	454	Wash D.C.
W2CVF	10,614	183	N. N.J.	W3JZA	2,923	79	A/L Del.
W2CJX	1,080	45	N. N.J.	W3KD	920	46	Del Valley
W2DW	880	40	A/L N.Y.	W3LPF	2,376	66	Pittsburg
W2EEQ	4,444	101	Central N.Y.	W3MWY/6	56	8	Baltimore
W2EP	8,568	168	A/L Fla.	W3NM	9,744	174	Del Valley
W2FJ	100	10	Niagara Frt	W3QA	1,400	50	Baltimore
W2FYA	1,050	35	Mohawk Vly	W3SX	3,230	95	A/L Penn.
W2GFL	693	33	Finger Lake	W3TN	1,456	52	Wash D.C.
W2GHV	5,750	115	N. N.J.	W3TTN	50	10	Pittsburg
W2GP	4,028	106	N.Y. Metro	K3USO	2,775	75	Wash D.C.
K2HA	4,830	115	A/L N.Y.	W3YD/3	480	30	Pittsburg
W2HL/4	975	39	N. N.J.	W3ZDW	2,772	77	Pittsburg
W2HVD	377	29	A/L N.Y.	K4AIZ	5,060	115	Sun Coast
W2IM/4	2,904	88	A/L Fla.	W4AMJ	8,721	153	Sun Coast
W2IP	486	27	A/L N.Y.	W4DDP	2,331	63	Gator
W2JGR	663	39	N.Y. Metro	K4EAL	99	11	A/L Fla.
W2JSY	575	23	A/L N.Y.	K4EN	2,046	66	S.E. Fla.
W2MDM	840	20	N.Y. Metro				
W2MEI	612	36	A/L N.Y.				

** Contest winner

A/L = At Large (not a member of any local chapter)

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QSO PARTY RESULTS

Call	Score	Contacts	Chapter	Call	Score	Contacts	Chapter
K4ET	3,458	91	A/L N.C.	W5DB	2,945	95	Houston
K4EZH	6,072	132	Blue Ridge	W5EFB	1,904	69	Houston
W4FCN	80	10	Sun Coast	WB5FHW	1,196	46	El Paso
K4FCW	5,085	113	Gator	W5FR	162	18	Houston
W4FOM	22	11	Gator	W5GPD	1,122	51	Houston
K4FTB	1,404	54	Blue Ridge	W5GQ	72	12	Austin
W4GJR	4,998	119	A/L N.C.	W5HT	135	15	Dallas
W4HLY	165	15	Spaceport	W5IZU	9	3	Tyler
K4HU	2,310	70	Blue Ridge	W5JHS	228	19	Gulf Coast
W4HVV	768	32	Wash D.C.	W5KQG	9	3	San Antonio
K4IDC	496	31	Everglades	W5KV	65	13	Houston
W4ISS	425	25	A/L Georgia	W5LQ	11,200	200	Dallas
W4JCC	5,875	125	Gator	W5LVE	16	4	San Antonio
K4JLM	3,240	81	A/L S.C.	W5MDV	420	28	Houston
W4JUJ	1,620	60	Wash D.C.	W5MRY	351	27	Houston
W4KFB	1,150	46	A/L Kentucky	W5NC	7,956	156	Houston
K4LD	285	19	Atlanta	W5NNK	70	10	Houston
K4LMB	3,128	92	Wash D.C.	W5NW	8,415	153	A/L Tex
K4MFF	60	10	Gator	W5OB	12,238	211	A/L La.
K4MM	6,160	110	Wash D.C.	W5OGZ	9,912	177	Dallas
K4NE	6,144	128	Gator	W5OP	4,230	90	Houston
W4NH	20,940	349	Wash D.C.	W5QE	1,508	52	Austin
K4OD	8,183	167	A/L Virginia	W5QF	520	26	Tyler
K4OMR	2,905	83	A/L Virginia	W5RB	520	26	Central Okl
W4OMW	6,321	147	A/L N.C.	W5RZP	2,997	81	Gulf Coast
K4PR	770	35	A/L Tenn	W5SD	2,190	73	Austin
K4QG	11,310	195	Gator	W5SUX	252	21	Austin
W4QQ	836	44	Atlanta	W5TGU	1,740	58	A/L N.M.
K4RQE	126	14	Spaceport	WA5TGB	855	45	A/L Tex
K4RT	11,592	207	Sun Coast	W5UAU	513	27	A/L Ark
K4TM	5,460	130	A/L Virginia	W5UCY	1,125	45	Gulf Coast
W4UCL	104	13	Everglades	W5WR	70	14	Houston
W4UF	432	27	Treasure Coast	W5YZ	5,566	121	Houston
K4UK	2,016	63	A/L Virginia	W5ZH	3,300	75	Lubbock
K4WJ	1,250	50	Suwannee	W6ATC	3,276	91	So. Calif
K4WI	576	32	Blue Ridge	W6AW	3,373	101	A/L Calif
W4WKQ	24,984	347	Suwannee	W6BBH	378	27	So. Calif
W4WS	4,160	104	Gator	W6EMM/5	720	30	Houston
W4YPA	4,935	105	Citrus	W6BZE	13,924	236	San Diego
W4YK	7,248	151	Gator	W6CL	243	27	So. Calif
W4ZRJ	420	30	A/L Virginia	W6DOY	2,728	88	Cent. Calif
W5AEJ	3,154	83	Houston	W6FQ	21,624	318	So. Calif
W5AIR	152	19	Houston	W6FZX	1,953	63	So. Calif
W5ALL	84	12	El Paso	W6IC	3,999	93	No. Calif
K5AZ	989	43	Houston	W6IFC	1,248	52	No. Calif
W5BED	3,220	92	A/L Arkansas	W6IL	5,664	118	So. Calif
W5BGC	7,897	149	Houston	K6IM	3,168	88	So. Calif
W5BGE	15	5	San Antonio	K6PG	4,070	110	So. Calif
W5BH	1,044	36	Houston	W6PHE	1,058	46	So. Calif
W5CCD	273	21	Shreveport	W6PY	665	35	San Diego
W5CFQ	6,174	126	Central Okla.	WA6TFR	1,352	52	A/L Calif
W5CIX	66	11	Houston	K6QM	4,560	120	San Diego
W5CJZ	5,031	117	Dallas	W6UA	5,850	117	Cent. Calif
W5CWE	513	27	Houston	K6UQ	780	30	So. Calif

QSO PARTY RESULTS

Call	Score	Contacts	Chapter	Call	Score	Contacts	Chapter
W7AFG	3,900	100	Northwest	W9HPG	1,922	62	Chicago
W7AGV	2,176	64	Northwest	W9IB	10,388	196	Chicago
W7AHK	4,514	122	Northwest	W9KWA	260	20	Chicago
W7AYO	12,000	240	Northwest	W9LNQ	4,268	97	Chicago
W7BCS	2,775	75	Northwest	W9LZ	380	20	A/L Ind.
W7BMK	1,272	53	Northwest	W9MKL	5,203	121	Chicago
W7BQG	117	13	Northwest	W9NVJ	4,095	105	Wisconsin
K7EZ	9,288	172	Arizona	W9PNE	700	35	A/L Ill
W7CJ	208	26	A/L Idaho	W9RC	3,888	108	Chicago
W7CWN	24	6	Northwest	W9SW	546	26	Chicago
W7ETK	6,536	152	Northwest	W9TNZ	435	29	Chicago
W7FL	1,026	57	Northwest	W9UJM	5,950	119	Wisconsin
W7FSE	1,430	55	Northwest	W9WR	2,077	67	Chicago
W7JAJ	286	22	Arizona	W9ZEN	4,180	110	Cent. Ill.
W7JSZ	12,064	208	Arizona	W0AP	9,116	172	Nebraska
W7MEA	608	38	Northwest	W0AR	13,340	230	Mid Cont.
W7NJJ	1,326	51	Northwest	W0CFU	1,431	53	A/L N.D.
W7OS	38	19	Northwest	W0CY	7,950	159	Mid Cont.
K7OZA	1,200	50	Northwest	W0DBC	5,250	125	Mid West
W7PN	12	12	Northwest	W0DHN	3,680	92	Mid Cont.
W7RIR	3,116	82	Arizona	W0FQB	8	4	Nebraska
W7TU	1,550	50	Northwest	W0FUH	240	20	A/L Colo.
W8AQ	1,728	64	Canton	W0GBP	1,484	53	Mid Cont.
W8BKM	800	32	Cleveland	W0GW	5,220	116	A/L Colo.
W8ERR	1,674	54	Canton	W0HG	168	14	Mid Cont.
W8GJK	512	32	Michigan	W0HWF	6,164	134	Nebraska
W8GP	8,305	151	Michigan	W0KKP	5,500	125	A/L Colo.
W8CWY	7,904	152	Canton	K0KO	1,050	42	Nebraska
W8JM	11,220	205	West Va.	W0MW	1,219	53	Nebraska
W8KW	8,056	152	Sun Coast	W0NKP	1,911	49	Nebraska
W8LD	2,496	64	West Va.	W0QAU	627	33	A/L Mo.
W8MXO	10,696	191	Cleveland	W0TIV	2,220	74	Mid West
W8NC/4	860	43	Michigan	KV4AB	No log	277	N.Y. Metro
W8OM	3,570	102	A/L Mich.	VE3BR	6,720	140	Natl Capital
W8PCS	5,246	122	A/L Ohio	VE3DH	5,000	125	S. Ontario
W8QG	7,020	156	A/L Mich	VE3DMC	7,260	165	Natl Capital
W8QON	7,938	162	A/L Ohio	VE3EJK	7,612	173	Natl Capital
W8ROV	384	24	Detroit	VE3GX	4,370	115	Natl Capital
W8SS	5,092	134	Michigan	VE3JT	5,985	133	S. Ontario
W8VSK	7,824	163	Detroit	VE3VD	325	25	A/L Ontario
W9ACU	9,900	180	A/L Ill	VE3XQ	1,408	64	A/L Ontario
W9BOX	576	32	Chicago	VO1AW	4,410	105	A/L Newfndind
W9BQ	608	32	Cent. Ill.	VK2EW	108	12	Sydney
W9CAS	13,420	244	Wisconsin	VK2VN	80	10	Sydney
W9CIB	2,432	76	Chicago	DL3ME	80	10	A/L Germany
K9CLO	15,810	255	A/L Indiana				
W9CRN	1,034	47	Chicago				
W9CTI	1,392	58	New England				
W9DL	26,352	366	Chicago				
W9EN	5,808	132	Chicago				
W9FDY	3,444	82	Cent. Ill				
W9FFD	1,325	53	Chicago				
W9GIL	19,182	278	Wisconsin				

Next year's party will be sponsored by the GATOR Chapter. If you have comments and/or suggestions, write to K4NE

THE OLD TIMERS' CORNER

By W5EJ

In the process of learning to investigate the records and finding the first calls assigned to nearly 1000 old-timers during the past 5 years, we've become aware that there are many real facts concerning early day licensing that are not well known. To help clear up some of the misconceptions and mis-information that is pretty well normal throughout the old-timers ranks, we have looked up information on what really happened back around World War I - facts on the cut-off of amateur activities and facts on when such activities were resumed. Here is about what happened back in the really early pioneer days of Amateur Radio - days of the quenched gap, the Ford coils and ozone sniffing.

The United States became officially involved in World War I in April of 1917. As a result of that involvement, and in the preceding interval of uneasy peace, the U.S. Navy Department took two official actions. The first was the elimination of issuing new Amateur licenses, and the second was the order which authorized police and military personnel to actually supervise the dismantling of Amateur equipment. Let us quote the exact order.

From "THE WIRELESS AGE," Vol. 4, no. 8, dated April, 1917 comes this announcement of the termination of all Amateur activity during World War I.

" Acting under instructions from the Navy Department at Washington, on April 8, 1917, the military and police authorities throughout the country began dismantling all sets of wireless apparatus with exception of those used by the Government or under the direct supervision of the United States officials."

Previously, on March 28, 1917, Secretary of Commerce Redfield ordered as a precautionary measure, that no further licenses were to be issued for the operation of Amateur wireless stations until further notice.

The order barring Amateur Operations, even to the point of listening was in effect throughout World-War I. Upon the collapse of Germany, there was a great deal of unrest among Amateurs, most of whom spent the war years in the Army or Navy and who were most anxious to begin Amateur operations again. The Navy Department was loath to release the airwaves to Amateur use, feeling that Radio Communications would be more orderly under control of the military. However, as a result of the activities of the young ARRL, and other interested and active groups, the Navy did agree to release the airwaves upon the official announcement that the United States was no longer in a state of war. (Continued on page 12)

AKRON CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Chet Rataski, K8GR0
2310 Triplett Blvd; Akron, Ohio 44312

The Akron, Ohio Chapter dinner meeting was held on the 22nd of May at Young's Restaurant in Akron. We erred in stating the age of Robbie Girona, WB8TSH was 13. It should have been 11 years of age! Sorry about that, Robbie.

We are sorry to report that William Manfrass, W8CEQ, a Golden Anniversary Certificate holder, has become a silent key. Our condolences to his family and May His Soul Rest in Peace.

It was great to have an eyeball with the many QCWA members and officers who stopped by the QCWA booth at the Dayton Ham-vention.

Chet, K8GR0

THE OLD TIMERS CORNER - Continued

On September 26, 1919, the Navy Department issued a statement which did authorize the beginning of Amateur operations:

"The Secretary of the Navy authorizes the announcement that effective October 1, 1919, all restrictions on Amateurs and Amateur radio stations are removed. ...Attention is invited to the fact that all licenses for transmitting stations have expired and that it will be necessary for the amateurs to apply to the Commissioner of Navigation, Department of Commerce, for new licenses. ..."

This was it! At long last the lid was lifted, and it was expected that Amateurs would go wild, and in the main their joy was unalloyed.

It is interesting to note that all licenses had expired. As of October 1, 1919, the slate was clean; there were no licensed Amateur stations in existence, nor were there any pending applications. So it was a new ball-game from that time forward.

Since nearly all Amateurs had been active in the military during the war, ARRL had ceased publication, as had the NAWA and others who had catered to Amateur activities before the 1917 shut-down. With the end of hostilities, ARRL began publication of QST. It was a touch-and-go situation. Finances were nearly zero and the organization was forced to request loans from its members. The loans were just that - loans, to be paid back with interest when ARRL finally became solvent.

What a fight those pioneers who bequeathed us our frequencies made!

Ted, W5EJ

ARIZONA CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary K7NTG, S.D. (Lucky) Brown
9301 East Magdalena; Tucson, Arizona 85710
Phone 298-6892

On-the-Air: Every Sunday, 0900 MST on 3933 kHz

The Arizona Chapter held its annual Spring meeting and pot-luck at La Estrella (The Star) park in Goodyear, Arizona (near Phoenix) on Saturday, 29 April, 1975. Twenty-seven members, guests and families attended. The weather was normal Arizona type - plenty of sunshine and little or no wind. W7DJH, Telfer Hogg and his "escrow indians" did very well with the "weather dance" this year and although he and Ruth were unable to attend the pot-luck, we thank him for his successful efforts. Another weather manipulator, W7QNC, Huddy and YL Irene, K7EIM, were also unable to attend but apparently his mysterious incantations and ritual maneuvers supported Telfer's "indians."

As per usual, the tables were groaning and creaking from their tremendous loads of delicious, "gourmet" delights; and of course the diet rules and calorie counters were left at home and everybody proceeded to enjoy the delectable food displayed.



A short business meeting was held following the dinner and, as was normal, the chairman, W7HXM, Herb Clark, was faced with a group of sleepy, lethargic "ayes" and "nos" echoing through the trees. However, he was able to wade through the old business and charged courageously into new business. It was decided that the Fall meeting would be held indoors sometime in October and a proposed Constitution and By-laws was read and proposed for the chapter. With the exception of one or two paragraphs, the document was tentatively accepted, pending comments from the rest of the membership, which will be solicited by the secretary.

Because of the travel distances involved, the chapter holds its two annual pot-lucks in various parts of the state to give everybody a chance to attend.

ARK-LA-TEX CHAPTER

FORMERLY SHREVEPORT CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Ben Laurents, W5JAH
1812 Cambridge Street; Bossier City, LA 71010

A reorganization meeting was held on April 22nd at Sambo's Restaurant in Bossier City, La. A set of By-laws and a Constitution were approved, with annual dues of \$3.00, and with regular meetings to be called on the 3rd Tuesday of each quarter, starting with January each year.

Officers were elected as follows:

President: Irving P. Wolfe, W5RQH (ex W2APJ)
Director: L. Joe Carlson, W5LQ
Director: Joe Pl Barber, W5AXA
Sec/Treas: Ben Laurents, W5JAH

After considerable discussion, it was unanimously voted to CHANGE THE NAME OF THIS CHAPTER to the ARK-LA-TEX CHAPTER. Shreveport is about the center of the junction (population wise) of Arkansas, Texas, and Louisiana. These are all in a 50 mile radius, and the members felt this new name would describe the chapter far better than calling it the Shreveport Chapter.

At the conclusion of the meeting a Civil Defense film, furnished by the local CD Headquarters, was shown.

Irv Wolfe, W5RQH

NEW ARKANSAS CHAPTER

A new chapter is well under way in Arkansas. A petition for Charter is being circulated and several new National members have come in. Organizer is S.M. Pokorny, W5UAU; Horseshoe Bend, Ark. An on-the-air net is being held every Sunday at 2 p.m. local at about 3925 kHz. Sid is looking for prospective members.

NETS

The QCWA National nets are very much alive. Some questions were raised when we failed to list them on the cover of the last Newsletter. Sorry!

The CW Net meets on 7035 kHz (7145 kHz alternate frequency) every Wednesday night at 2400Z. George Clark, W2JBL is the net control, with alternate controls W9CV and W9RC.

The Phone Net is at 14,345 kHz at 2100Z every Sunday after-noon. W2SF is NCS East, with W2AIM as alternate and W6FQ is NCS West.

AUSTIN CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary W.E. Peterson, W50Y
9402 Arch Hill Circle; Austin, TX 78759

The Austin Chapter of QCWA held its Spring dinner meeting on March 29. This was a Saturday noon luncheon. Out of town guests included W5CCD, Lake Charles, La.; W5AMK and W5DQF of Temple, Texas; W5ATW and W5JHX, Waco, Texas; and W5YZ from Houston, Texas.

One interesting highlight of the meeting was the presentation of the Golden Anniversary Certificate to Eugene Bartholomew, W5GQ. This presentation was made by "Monty" Montemayor, W5YZ



50 Year Certificate Presented to W5GQ
Photo by W5YZ

assisted by Merrill Eidson, W5AMK (far right) and Gene Mallard, W5OMP (far left) and Earl Peterson, W50Y (at the right of Gene) W5GQ's acceptance remarks praised Amateur Radio for its many fine benefits, especially the multitude of meaningful and lasting friendships.

Our renowned lawyer member, Amos Peters, W5LHX, gave a most interesting picture slide presentation with appropriate humorous comments. This was especially interesting as it involved most members in attendance and reviewed past Austin QCWA Chapter activities.

Roy Miller, W5FOZ and W.E. Campbell, W5GPQ were unanimously elected Chapter Directors for two years and W.E. Peterson, W50Y as Secretary-Treasurer.

Austin Chapter is now proudly displaying its chapter banner.

W.E. Peterson, W50Y

BLUE RIDGE CHAPTER

Luncheon Meeting on the second Wednesday of each month

Meetings: Second Wednesday of the month, 12:00 Noon
Ramada Inn, Hendersonville, N.C.

Executive Committee meeting and general roundtable,
Fourth Wednesday of the month - 12:00 Noon
Clifton's Cafeteria, Hendersonville, N.C.

For Information: Contact Secretary John McLane, K4FTB
1040 Carousel Lane; Hendersonville N.C. 28739

A few notes on the activities of the Blue Ridge Chapter:

February Meeting - Fred Harder, W4LES, formerly KV4FQ, told of his varied experiences in commercial refrigeration engineering and development, also gave some very interesting details on cornea transplants, which he has had much personal experience with.

March Meeting - Bob David, W4YK, showed a 10 year old antique - a solid state receiver, also a 1954 QCWA directory, and discussed possible plans for 1976 QCWA Party. John Simmons, W4ZVB, gave us an inside look at real estate and investment trusts, their scope of operation and control, and provoked quite a discussion. John Wyman, K4HXZ, suggested consideration of changing the chapter name to the Blue Chip Chapter!

April Meeting - Captain John Bachrach, founder, president and chairman of the board of Bachrach and Wood, Associates, of New Orleans, the largest firm of Marine Surveyors on the Gulf Coast, who has retired to Hendersonville, gave us a very interesting description of the field covered by this profession, which includes appraisals or condition reports on ships, drydocks, dredges, oil drilling rigs, and many other classes of marine equipment. These reports are furnished to many types of clients, including owners, lending institutions, potential purchasers, and many government agencies with need for specific information.

On May 3, three of our members and their wives (W4YK, K4RR and K4FTB) had a very enjoyable time at the semi-annual dinner of the Eastern Tennessee Chapter at Pigeon Forge, Tenn., at which W4QT received his 50 year certificate.

The speaker at our May meeting is to be WB4YA0, who will give a program on the local repeater system.

John McLane, K4FTB

DEADLINE

Deadline for copy for the next Newsletter will be about 15 August. Send all Chapter news to the Editor at the Headquarters address: 2012 Rockingham St., McLean, Va. 22101.

CALOOSA CHAPTER

Meetings: Last Wednesday of each month - 12:00 Noon
Fort Myers Country Club
Ft. Myers, Florida

For Information: Contact Frances Propst, W4AAB
8619 West Park; Ft. Myers, FL 33901

The Snow Birds have flown North for the summer. President Ken Alfrey, WB4ZBX is now at his New York residence and Secretary Ebb Long, K4GEW, has gone to Las Cruces, N.M. Frances Propst, W4AAB has been appointed Acting President during the summer, with Vice-President Tom Brawley, K4PDY, assisting.

At the March 26 meeting (our third meeting) we had 33 members in attendance plus several guests. It was voted and approved to change the meeting place to Ft. Myers Country Club, effective with the April Meeting.

A nominating committee will be appointed in October, after summer vacations, and elections will be held in November or December to provide 1976 officers.

Below is a picture of Secretary "Eb" Long, K4GEW, displaying to the membership our new charter at our first meeting. Seated at the left is President Ken Alfrey, WB4ZBK and at the right is member Bill Thomas, W4CG.



"Eb" Long, K4GEW

CANTON CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Henry McLaughlin, W80YV
1508 Navarre Road S.W.; Canton, OH 44706

The February meeting was held at McDonaldsville Inn with 41 in attendance, including five visitors: Leo Yob, W8KYY and his wife Amelia, W8NNH; his son David, W8NND and his wife Phyllis; also Eileen, daughter of W3ERR. Harley Ball, W8ETK and Charlie Scott, K8BYC announced their QCWA numbers. Weather was not bad for the month of February.

Saturday, May 10th was a Family Style dinner (heavy calories) served at the Dutch Valley Restaurant.

We celebrated our 12th Birthday on May 3. On May 3, 1963 our charter was issued with 20 charter members. Three have joined silent keys. Our roster now stands at 79.

The snow birds are back. Lyle, W8EUK; Belden, W8WNU; Whitey, W8LVW, only to receive a shot of that good old Ohio winter. The robins were fooled also. "Believe it or not," we saw one with snow shoes on!

George, W8BKP received his Golden Anniversary award along with his QCWA number. The golden list on our roster now includes W8ADQ, W8AQ, W8DCI, W8GNL, W8MKT, W8NT and W8WH. If we have missed any, please advise. If eligible for this award, your secretary has the application forms.

Only two logs received for the QSO Party. Ev, W8AQ, made 64 contacts, 1728 points. He also reported hearing Arkie, W8NBK with his 171A and 1.5 watts doing FB. John, W8CWY, made 152 contacts, 51 chapters worked plus one extra multiplier for 7,804 points.

We are sorry to report the death of Ross N. Hayes, W8CL, QCWA #3961. Ross passed away on April 2, 1975. We extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends.

HALL OF FAME HAMFEST, CANTON, OHIO at the Stark County Fair Grounds, Sunday, August 3rd. Come to Canton for "Football's Greatest Weekend". See the Hall of Fame Parade on Saturday August 2nd and the Pro Football game at 4:00 p.m., then stay over on Sunday for the Hamfest. Flea Market opens at 6:00 a.m. Ham Auction at 3:00 p.m. with main prize drawings at 5:00 p.m. Hope to see you there.

Henry McLaughlin, W80YV

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Jim Umstatt, W9CFV
Szarek Drive #5, R.R. #3; Bloomington, IL 61701

The latest member to join Central Illinois Chapter is W9ATJ, Ralph Gullett, #9677. Ralph also received his Golden Anniversary Award. He has had the same address and call continuously since August 28, 1924. This makes 43 members in our chapter.

Jim Umstatt, W9CFV

CENTRAL INDIANA CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Alvey Pittman, W9EL
2555 Westlane Road; Indianapolis, IN 46268

An organization meeting was held February 20 at the Heritage House on US 31 South, to form a local chapter of QCWA. Sixteen were present and another 32 names were suggested as potential members. If you know of someone who is eligible (licensed 25 years) please call him and invite him to come with you. Everyone in Central Indiana is welcome.

During the first meeting we agreed to meet once a month. There will be no dues. We did, however, pass someones hat for postage and collected \$16. We will do the same at the March dinner for those present for the first time. Our main purpose for the get-togethers is just to enjoy an evening of good fellowship and a good dinner.

We hope to see all of you at the next meeting.

Alvey Pittman, W9EL

CENTRAL WEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Calvin R. Basham, W8NR
P.O. Box 473; Charleston, W.V. 25322

The Spring meeting of Central West Virginia Chapter was held at Ellis Restaurant on Route 50 between Clarksburg and Bridgeport, West Virginia, on the evening of May 3.

We didn't get a report in time for the Newsletter, but we have been receiving a lot of new applications for membership and we know Central West Virginia is going to be a very active chapter. Watch for their report in the September Newsletter.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA COAST CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Des Stovall, W6ECY
P.O. Box 6371; Los Osos, CA 93402

Our Central California Coast Chapter has grown 20% since we were chartered last October. We now have a total of 36 members.

We held our Spring get-together at Rick's Rancho in Santa Maria on May 10. It was a luncheon meeting and we had 53 hams and their YLs present. Our speaker was John Knight, W6YY, who presented slides and a very interesting and educational talk about his recent trip behind the Iron Curtain countries - including even a picture of the famous (to DXers) P.O. Box 88. He also included pictures and description of another recent trip to the South Pacific including ZL land. Everyone present had an enjoyable time and we are all looking forward to our next gathering to be held some time this fall.

Des Stovall, W6ECY

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Russ Estep, W6AUC
1469 El Camino Real; Belmont, CA 94002

On-the-Air: Every Sunday 0930 local - 3907 kHz
CW Net 1045 local - 3768 kHz

The Directors met at the International Inn in March and voted unanimously to re-appoint all Net Controls and the Secretary/Treasurer for the year 1975.

Net Controls are: Phone - Earl Putzker, W6FQA, Bill Green, W6BYS, and Dr. C.C. Everman, W6BCM. CW Net Control is Gordon Leonard, W6CA.

A report was read from the picnic chairman and it is evident that a good place will be available during early September. We will keep you posted as to time and place.

Have you given any thought to Paul Revere's ride? If a ham radio had been invented, he would only have turned on his rig and said, "Some of those guys are coming your way," and then he would have gone back to bed.

Russ Estep, W6AUC

CENTRAL OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary George Holt, W5DDI
4420 N.W. 19th Street; Oklahoma City, OK 73107

These photos are of three of the chapter members who regularly attend the quarterly meetings. We will eventually have photos of the full membership for an album now in the making.

Ken Snarr, W5DRE and Sue Snarr, W5OQT, are pictured in front of The Old Brass Pounder. (The chapter banner isn't really woven into the Indian tapestry...it just looks that way.)



Ken Snarr, W5DRE & Sue Snarr, W5OQT

Carl Druemellar, W5JJ, is in a pensive mood listening to some good ol' jazz from the forties provided for the January meeting by Tom Stinson, W5OZE.

Programs vary from rag chew to travelog to music. No technical papers yet, but if we can sign up some of the eligible YLs in the area, who knows?



Carl Druemellar, W5JJ

There are 73 additional members in the chapter and if the editor permits, we will bless you with show and tell on every single one.

Red, W5RDE

WE NEED CALL BOOKS

The Headquarters office badly needs old call books - in order to check qualifications for membership, 50 year awards, etc. We need most of the very early ones and especially the 1931-1935 and 1949-1961 series. We are hoping to get donations but let us know your price, too.

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

For Information: Contact H.C. Eckland, W9SKX
945 Kingston Street; Wheaton, IL 60187

Chicago Area Chapter of QCWA had a full house with new President Ed Webb, W9IPO, presiding over a plus 40 group at the April 29 meeting.



Bruno Staffen
W9BX

Harry Eckland, W9SKX
Pres. Ed Webb, W9IPO
Phil Haller, W9HPG
(Photos by W9RC)

Roy Halvorsen, W9RK

After a mild amount of "elbow-bending" and a lot of gabbing, we had a delightful steak dinner with all the trimmings at Otto's Restaurant in Forest Park, Ill.

President Webb called the meeting to order and, as the first order of business, Golden Anniversary Certificates were presented to Forrest Johnson, W9SX & Tony Martinka, W9OD. (Photo at right.) Aft

After the necessary business was attended to, Phil Haller, W9HPG, our ARRL Director, was invited to bring us up to date on the recent Board meeting at ARRL and the tentative results of the ARRL membership poll on Amateur radio restructuring.



Photo by W9HPJ

Mac McRae then noted the passing of one of the Chicago Area faithful, Ray Norene, W9CE, who passed away on February 7. Ero Erickson, W9HPJ, then gave a fine report on the life of Fred Schnell, W9UG/W4CF, a well known Chicago area pioneer ham who passed away in Florida on 7 April at the age of 83.

Leo Knirko, W9MOL, gave us a report on the Dayton Hamvention and also mentioned a meeting he had (Continued on page 23)

CITRUS CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Keith Street, G3DKS/4
1399 Freeport Drive; Deltona, FL 32763

Citrus Chapter held its Spring luncheon and meeting on 29 March. Sixty-six members and guests were present. Elected to office for 1975/1976 were:

Chairman: Ken Aitken, W4FPQ
Vice Chair: William Symons, K4IH
Sec/Treas: Keith Street, G3DKS/4

The above will take office on 16 June, 1975.

Newest member in Citrus Chapter is Clyde Mashburn, W4SDR. Clyde has been waiting for years to join QCWA and has finally reached his 25 years of hamming. Welcome, Clyde.

Bill Holdich, W4GJ

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER - Continued

attended sponsored by the Dayton Chapter. He suggested we might, in conjunction with the Milwaukee Chapter, sponsor some sort of get-together at the Radio Exposition held every year at the Lake County, Illinois fairgrounds. This year the date is September 6 & 7. The president appointed a committee to study the idea and to go ahead with the project if they deemed it advisable.



ARRL Director Phil Haller, W9HPG, reports on restructuring returns for the League. President Ed Webb, W9IPO verifies the figures.
Photos by W9HPJ



Mac McRae, W9RC, "lost" in a photo duel at Chicago Area Chapter meeting at Otto's on April 29. Mike Cohen, W9EUZ, past Treasurer was not impressed.

The next activity will be the July 27 Country Club Brunch. We will be looking for you and the YF.

Ero Erickson, W9HPJ

CLEVELAND CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Max Bauer, W8ALI, 6805 Mayfield Road
Apt 916; Mayfield Heights, OH 44124

The usual Country style chicken dinner with corn fritters was enjoyed by the 69 persons who attended Cleveland Chapter's Spring dinner meeting on May 10. Refills were unlimited and many took advantage of this fact.

Speaker of the evening was Frederick Fehl, Special Agent in charge of the F.B.I. Northeastern Ohio District. Mr. Fehl spoke about the growing crime situation in the United States and possible ways for the lay public to assist in reducing it. At the end of his talk Mr. Fehl recited several cases in which he was involved and answered questions from the audience.

After Mr. Fehl's talk, the Greater Cleveland QCWA award for the Amateur of the Year was presented to Eunice Bernon, K8ONA, for her devoted efforts to further the cause of Amateur Radio in the Cleveland Area.

Mrs. Bernon's award was quite unusual, being a neatly constructed 1929 style self-excited Hartley 20 watt transmitter complete with a 210 tube, copper tubing inductance, Christmas tree center-tap for the 210 tube filament and a plate choke wound on a 3/4" wood dowel. The base was a 8½" x 9½" varnished piece of Oak with a brass name plate.

This was an operating or living award, since the transmitter was put on the air and stations worked in Oklahoma, Illinois, Maryland, Vermont and Georgia - with reports ranging from 559 to 589.

When the meeting broke up, there was a concerted move up to the table on which the transmitter was located and sparks were drawn from the plate coil by pencils, neon tubes lighted and a Christmas tree bulb lighted using a three turn link, coupled to the oscillator coil. Many made remarks that they had used such an outfit back in the "Good Old Days."

The meeting was very successful

Werner Sauber, W8KC
President

Paul Cornell asks "Where in heck did that call, W3IFW come from in the March Newsletter. W8EFW was issued to me in 1931 and I love it. Please advise my friends that I do not have a new call!" (Ooops! Sorry, Paul.)

COLORADO CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Stu Edmonds, WØGW
3998 South Hillcrest Drive; Denver, CO 80237



Colorado Chapter Officers & Directors

Front Row: (L-R) Ken Stanger, WØCAW, Director; Jim Haynes, WØOVL, Vice President; Sol Abramowitz, WØWSK, Treasurer; Mory Carpenter, KØHRZ, Director.

Back Row: Don Spoor, WØNRD, Director; Stu Edmonds, WØGW, Secretary; Rog Rogers, WØNNI, President; George Boltz, WØMJA, Director; Lou Harrington, WØLM, Director.

A total of 31 were in attendance at the March 17 meeting held at the home of Sol Abromowitz, WØWSK. Three were visitors from the North Platte, Nebraska area.

Rog Rogers, WØNNI reported on a proposed Constitution and By-laws which was adopted after considerable discussion and some minor changes. Dues were set at \$5 per year. The nominating committee presented a slate of officers which was elected with acclamation:

President: Rog Rogers, WØNNI

Vice Pres: Jim Haynes, WØOVL

Secretary: Stu Edmonds, WØGW

Treasurer: Sol Abramowitz, WØWSK

For Directors: Mory Carpenter, WØHRZ; George Boltz, WØMJA; Ken Stanger, WØCAW; Lou Harrington, WØLM and Don Spoor, WØNRD.

Four members indicated they are eligible for the Golden Anniversary Award and they were provided appropriate application forms.

New memberships have been rolling in and we are very encouraged about the future of Colorado Chapter.

Stu Edmonds, WØGW

DELAWARE VALLEY CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary A.G. Wentzel, Jr., W2HX
318 Gardner Avenue; Trenton, N.J. 08618

Ninety members and guests enjoyed a fine dinner at the Buck Hotel in Feasterville, Pa. at our March 22nd meeting. Twelve new members were introduced as follows: W2KWE, W3HYD, W2HWQ, W3CHZ, W3FJ, W2FDE, W2SVV, K21C, W3JZC, W2ITB, W31OU and WA2UCY. Door prizes were donated by Press Funk, W3MFY of Trevoise Elec.

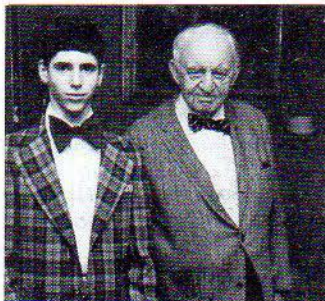


Speaker W3WRE & VP W3IMU

Speaker of the evening was Louise Moreau, W3WRE, YL Editor of QST. She gave a very interesting illustrated talk on the Johnstown Flood of 1889 in which over 2,000 people lost their lives.

The youngest ham at the dinner was Freddy Deitz, WA2PAT, an advanced class amateur. The oldest member was Harry E. Stahl, W3DH, who has held that call from its original issue in 1912.

W3DH got on the air in 1909 when he signed HES. He served in the U.S. Navy as Radio Operator on the USS Bagley and the steam yacht SACHERM which was assigned to Thomas A. Edison as his floating laboratory for the purpose of experimenting with submarine detection.



One of our group who had moved to Florida, Fred S. Powell, K4PF, is moving back to New Jersey to Marmora. Boy, what has New Jersey got that Florida hasn't!

It is a tough job to announce Silent Keys. Russell S. Mauger, W3KIY, after several serious operations and coming along fine, met sudden death by being hit by a stolen car making its getaway on April 18 in center city Philadelphia. William Hannah, W2EUH, after losing his home in a fire about three years ago, fell from a bicycle last year and has been ailing ever since. He passed away on Saturday, May 10.

Don't forget the Mount Airy/QCWA Picnic in Flourtown, Pa. on Sunday, August 10. The next meeting of the Chapter will be on Saturday, September 13 at the Buck Hotel.

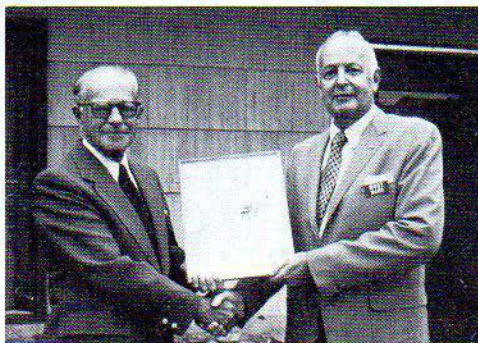
A.G. Wentzel, W2HX

EAST TENNESSEE CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Ward Buhrman, W4QT
6617 Danby Drive; Chattanooga, TN 37421

The Spring meeting of the East Tennessee Chapter of QCWA was held May 3, 1975 at the Green Valley Motel, Pigeon Forge, Tenn. It was a dinner meeting and many of the members stayed over night, providing opportunities for social get-togethers. W4HHQ, chapter president, presided. About 45 were in attendance, including members, wives and visitors. Several guests came from the Blue Ridge Chapter.

Director Bob David, W4YK, presented the 50 year award to W4QT at this meeting. See photo below



Arrangements for the dinner and motel accomodations were made by "Brownie", W4ZZ and he did a swell job. All were comfortable and well fed.

An application for membership in QCWA and the Chapter was received from Al Kahn, K4FW, whose ham career dates from 1922.

An informal meeting of QCWA members will be arranged at the Crossville, Tennessee Hamfest, tentatively scheduled for July.

Ward Buhrman, W4QT

PRIORITIES

Now that we have 82 chapters - and more coming - it looks like we will have to cut down on copy somewhere to stay within the printing budget. Let us know what you consider the most desirable reading. Do you want more club news? More Nostalgia? Items of "Educational" value? More reports from the Officers and Board of Directors? If we have to cut copy, where should the cuts be made? We are trying hard to put out the kind of Newsletter you want. Let us have your suggestions. And please do keep your good letters coming. We enjoy hearing from you.

EVERGLADES CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Ormond Bullis, W4PKD
1225 N.E. 4th Street; Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301

Everglades Chapter has had a busy Spring. Forty-nine were in attendance at the 1 March meeting at Hidden Valley Country Club. Awards were given to K4KR for lowest QCWA certificate number - #16, and to K4HD with 64 years of Amateur Radio behind him. Ed Stolzenberger, WB4ODL moved a tribute to past and present officers upon the first anniversary of the Everglades Chapter. Our speaker of the day was Ted Wayne, our ARRL Vice Director. He lead an interesting discussion on the FCC proposed Docket 20282 re Amateur restructuring.

At our April meeting we were up one - with 50 members and guests attending. A most interesting slide and tape presentation of Pitcairn Island narrated by Tom Christian, VR6TC, was supplied by Al Zetticoff, W4AL.

The May 3rd luncheon meeting had 55 members and guests present. The new "Everglades Green" mens name tags were distributed and the ladies voted 11-0 for "YF" on their tags - if they had no call of their own. Mark Devaney, K4IDC, reported on National QCWA affairs. He will represent our chapter at the Annual Meeting at Reston, Virginia in September. The meeting was followed by a slide show narrated by Frank Reiner, W4JVR, of his experiences as a Naval Reserve Officer in Porto Rico, Hawaii, and New Orleans.

Two of our members have joined the Silent Keys. Maj. Gen. Bill Hamlin, W4WH passed away on 17 April. Henry Blessing, W4FZI, formerly of Ohio Bell, died on the 25th of April.

Our first Fall meeting will be Saturday, October 4, 1975, at the Sweden House, 5550 N. Federal Highway, Ft. Lauderdale.

Have a pleasant summer. We'll see all you snow birds in October.

Orm Bullis, W4PKD

MIXED UP MISSILES

Mention was made in the March issue of the News, under the Suncoast Chapter, of the work done at Kwajalein by Dr. Harold Mac Art, K4ZP. Seems somebody mixed up "antiballistic missile testing" and "nuclear testing." Doc says, "To the best of my knowledge there never has been any nuclear testing done there and never during the period I was there (1968-1972) was there any nuclear material on that atoll. The testing there was of the antiballistic missiles."

FINGER LAKES CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Walter L. Babcock, W2RXW
405 Sayles Street; Oneida, N.Y. 13421

On Saturday evening, April 26th, the Finger Lakes Chapter of the QCWA held a "Re-organizational" meeting at Frumlins Restaurant in Syracuse, N.Y. There were 56 members and their wives in attendance to enjoy a fine dinner and program.

The Chapter had been inactive for a short time, due to the illness and death of former Chairman Jack Jeffords, W2WS.

Under the temporary leadership of Sanford "Bud" Cohn, K2GFL, who was responsible for getting the group together for this meeting, plans were discussed for the re-organization of the chapter in the very near future. Elected to fill offices in the interim were the following:

Chairman: Sanford "Bud" Cohn, K2GFL
Treasurer: L.A. "Les" Fryer, W2CM
Secretary: Walter L. Babcock, W2RXW

Plans are to have another meeting in the fall when full details of the re-organization will be presented to the chapter members.

The program for the evening included a demonstration of the operation of an early electronic musical instrument, the "Thermin," played by WA2FLT, Ray Burrows, who explained the history of the instrument, its operation and how he acquired one of the few remaining instruments of an original production run of 250 pieces.

Bud Cohn, K2GFL

NEW FORT WAYNE CHAPTER

A questionnaire is being circulated in the Fort Wayne, Indiana, area by Ted Clifton, W9SWH, in an effort to establish a new QCWA chapter there.

Ted reports he finds 21 QCWA members listed in the Year-book and he thinks it would be enjoyable for this group to hold one or two dinner meetings a year. He is suggesting the summer months due to travel conditions and the number of "snowbirds" who travel south or west during the winter months.

If you know any prospective members, contact Ted.

GATOR CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary "Dave" Davis, W4GQ
6971 Grand Vista Way, So; St. Petersburg 33707
On-the-Air: Every Saturday morning, 9:30 a.m. on 3920 kHz

FLORIDA'S GATOR CHAPTER KEEPS ON GROWIN' AND GOIN'!

Traditionally, Florida is the place where old "has-beens" drop anchor and loaf away their "golden years." But the GATOR CHAPTER, QCWA, has proven that the love and enjoyment of Amateur Radio, shared with the friendship and fellowship of kindred spirits who now live in the Tampa Bay - St. Petersburg area is a far more potent tonic than any other we know of!

We of the GATOR CHAPTER proudly stake the claim of being one of the largest and most active QCWA chapters in the U.S.A. For example, we have 144 dues-paying active members! At last count, 49 of these are 50-year, Golden Anniversary Award members. As a matter of fact, the original gang has splintered at least twice in recent years to form other QCWA chapters in central Florida.

Most everyone active in QCWA must have heard of Lew Seick, K4NE - especially if you came to the QCWA National Convention held at Orlando, Florida, last fall. Wherever there's any QCWA action going on (or anything pertaining to the advancement of Amateur Radio) you'll most likely find K4NE right in the thick of it, including the Florida Council where Lew ably represents the Gator Chapter. Now we are happy to report that Lew has received well deserved recognition with the presentation of the QCWA Meritorious Service Award. At the April 5 meeting, 139 members and guests roared their approval when the presentation was made.



Lew Seick, K4NE, holds his National Meritorious Service Award certificate.

The photo at right shows Lew holding his Meritorious Service Award certificate, surrounded by Gator Chapter Executive Committee members.

Left foreground (with his famous beard), Chapter Secretary Dave Davis, W4GQ. Standing behind, left to right, Vice-President Bob Conaughty, W4OQ; Chapter President Russ Chappell, W8NC/4; Past President Hal Rice, W4FOM; Past President and Florida Skip reporter, Cap. Grigsby, K4Mff; Past President and chapter co-founder (with Bob David, W4YK) Hal Bates, WA4FIU; and our capable, hard working treasurer Art Monsees, K4QG. (Photo by Cathy Soehl, W4BAV)

HOUSTON CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary "Monte" Montemayor, W5YZ
9258 Theysen, Houston, TX 77055

On-the-Air: Every Thursday night, 8:00 p.m. - 3876 kHz

The QCWA QSO Party came and went, and Wow!...it sure was a lot of fun. The results appear "up front" in this issue of the News. The plaque for W3IN, winner of the Party was brought down to us by W5EJ a few days ago so we could see it before sending it to the Washington D.C. Chapter for formal presentation to Don.

Not much activity on 3835 lately, therefore not much for this writing. Scotty, W5GPD; Dave, W5KV; Hal, W5NC, and a few others are on, but at 0615 a.m.! Once in a while I get up and check in, but not too often. Guess I'm not too awake then because I can't remember any dirt therefrom.

We are deeply saddened by the passing of Ralph Coppock, W5QJS. Through the years Ralph has been one of the most active men of the area. Back in 1916 Ralph was 9RC, but we could not get any papers on his activities to get him his 50 year certificate. We will miss you, Ralph.

Monty, W5YZ

GATOR CHAPTER - Continued

It's been another great season, despite the loss of two of our valued brothers to the ranks of "Silent Keys." We lost Herb Snow, WB4GCI, and Morgan McSheehy, W4FPC. To help their widows, a "Ham-Gear Disposal Committee" has worked long and hard to see that the equipment of our "Silent Key" members was sold at a fair market price. Chaired by Hal Bates, WA4FIU, and ably assisted by Cap. Grigsby, K4MFF; Lawson Love, W4BHX; and Jack Faulstich, W4CLS; these guys have done a tremendous job.

At the suggestion of Gator Chapter member Bob David, W4YK (also a member of the National QCWA Board of Directors) we applied for and were awarded the honor of sponsoring the 1976 National QCWA QSO Party. And guess who agreed to take on the job of chairman? Yes, sir, Lew Seick, K4NE! So look out, fellows, Lew is sure to have some surprises up his sleeve.

We GATORS closed our season on May 3 with a really FB Picnic, held with the blessing of perfect weather at Howard Park, near Tarpon Springs. Bob Conaughty, assisted by his able YF, Jeanette, master-minded the proceedings and all agreed that it couldn't have been better!

Russ Chappell, W8NC/4

LONG ISLAND CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Karl Johnson, K2KM
24 Ceil Place1 Bethpage, N.Y. 11714

The Long Island Chapter got off to a good start with over 50 members attending our initial meeting at the Freeport (N.Y.) Elks Club on April 4th. National President Frank Gunther, W2ALS, was on hand to deliver the main address and present the charter to Chapter President W2RRY.

Other guests included Nat Pfeffer, W2AIM, and Dave Talley, W2PF, Secretary and President, respectively, of the Metro N.Y. Chapter. Dave Talley, who is a Charter Member of QCWA, gave a brief historical background of QCWA to the enjoyment of all.



50 Year Award winner Harold Johnson, W2CNM and Treasurer Cliff Campbell, W2HVD.

Awards presented by National President Frank Gunther included a 60 year decal to Sam Barriette, W2PC and 50 year awards to Harold Johnson, W2CNM, and Anthony Squitieri, K2KG.

A motion was unanimously approved to write a letter to John DiBlasi, W2FX, informing him of the formation of our new chapter and wishing him good health. John is President Emeritis of QCWA and is presently residing on Long Island. He was unanimously voted an honorary Life Membership in our chapter.

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LUBBOCK CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary John Estes, W5HB
4511 54th Street; Lubbock, TX 79414

Snowstorms come at the wrong time at times! We postponed our scheduled March 22 dinner meeting because of blowing snow. The meeting was finally held on April 5th.

We have two new members: Jack Blackwell, W5RGP and Horace Bates, W6QZQ. Horace was first licensed in 1919 and held various calls including W5CUE. He and YL Frieda are the only occupants of the former Sterling City Bank and Hotel Bldg. He uses the bank lobby for his living room/ham shack. He has his ham gear located on a table, and when thru operating, he rolls the table into the bank vault and locks the door! How about that for a burglar proof room?

The three new directors are U.V. Blake, W5EWB; Darrell Davis, W5CV and Rogers Orr, W5NIC.

The Lubbock Children's Home is starting a radio club. Several boys are studying Morse code and radio theory in preparation for acquiring a Novice license. Dave Oakley, K5PMF, is their instructor. He reports they need donations of equipment to supplement the Drake 2-B, Heathkit Pawnee and Hallicrafters HT-50 they now have. How about helping them out?



In the above picture: Foreground is Nina (W5NGX YL). Behind her is Jack Blackwell, W5RGP (EX W5EZD, W9SZX, W5UDA, KH6FIZ, W5PDV and a couple of W4 calls he can't remember). In background is Horace Bates, W6QZQ and his Frieda, plus Ruth (YL of W5HB) and Sunshine (YL of W5RGP). Right foreground is U.V. Blake, W5EWB.

The next meeting is scheduled for mid September.

John Estes, W5HB

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Ed Prested, W8IAC
Box 338; Indian River, MI 49749

Michigan Chapter held its annual dinner meeting on May 3rd in Cadillac, Michigan. Ducky, W8CJT and Al, W8DT were presented with their 50 year awards. A total of five 50 year certificates were awarded to Michigan Chapter members for the year 1974/1975.



W8DT and W8CJT were awarded
Golden Anniversary Certificates
by Secretary W8IAC

We had 45 members and beautiful wives, also one son at our meeting. A big thank-you goes to Merritt, WA8EDK for arranging such a fine dinner and meeting room. He out-did himself this year.

The nominating committee, consisting of Poly, W9FLA and Jerry, W8SAY, said they had a hard time coming up with a good slate of candidates for chapter officers. Here's the results:

President: Jack Jackson, W8LA
Vice Pres: Ducky Duckwitz, W8CJT
Secretary: Ed Prested; W8IAC
Treasurer: Ed Trombley, W8CAM
Net Control: W8CAM. Alternates: W8CJT, W8MX, W8LA



1975 Officers

Pres. W8LA V.P. W8CJT Sec. W8IAC Treas. W8CAM

There will be a picnic at Kenwood Park, Cadillac, Michigan, on August 20th. Hope to see many old buddies there.

Ed Prested, W8IAC

NEBRASKA CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Arthur Gaeth, WØFQB
6105 N. 37th Street; Omaha, NE 68111
On-the-Air: Every Saturday at 9:00 a.m. on 3980 kHz

The Board of Directors assembled for a meeting at the Interstate #80 Holiday Motor Inn at Grand Island, Nebraska, on December 7, 1974, previous to a buffet dinner, which was followed by our annual chapter meeting. Only two directors were absent. Twenty-seven members and YFs were present.

Following a Board of Directors recommendation, our Nebraska Chapter QCWA Net was changed to every Saturday, on 3980 kHz, at 9:00 a.m., effective January 4, 1975.

The counting board reported the results of the election and the following were declared elected for 1975:

President: Wayne Moore, WØGEQ
Vice Pres: Joe Cardwell, WØDMQ
Secretary: Arthur Gaeth, WØFQB
Treasurer: Tom Boydston, WØVYX

Directors: WØLEF, WØMW, WØMYT, WØWKP and WØWRY.

Nebraska QCWA members were active in the Omaha Tornado which struck on Tuesday, May 7th, resulting in a loss of four lives, hundreds of injuries and property loss and damage of \$30,000,000. The following chapter members were designated as Alternate Base Stations and Control vice WØCQX, Omaha Chapter Red Cross.

WØKH, WØYMU, and WØFQB sifted over 450 Health and Welfare inquiries, originating from other Red Cross Chapter Base Stations in various states. Several members appeared with two meter mobile equipment and rendered service within the area. Operations and liaison was conducted on 3975 kHz, with the base station (WØCQX) on 3986 kHz, and operations continued through Saturday, May 10th.

Chalk up another credit for our old-timers and their experience.

President WØGEQ, along with WØMW and WØAP, attended the Denver organizational meeting for the purpose of assisting them in their efforts toward establishing a local chapter.

Our chapter membership presently equals 57 - and all signals are "go." Let's propagate!

Art Gaeth, WØFQB

NIAGARA FRONTIER CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Harvey Wannemacher, W2MZ
85 Wilma Drive; Lancaster, N.Y. 14086

Our Spring dinner meeting, held April 20th at the Buffalo Trap and Field Club, was attended by 48 members, friends and their gals. We enjoyed excellent food and to cap the deal we had a very wonderful talk along with color slides of Ken Palmer's K2FJ - PJ8DX - VP2VAN - VP2EEC Caribbean DX-cursions. Many of our QCWA members have worked Ken. Will try to let you know when he is planning another trip to those special islands where as a rule they never have Amateur stations.



We are hoping to have a booth again this year at Hamburg Hamfest. If you attend this gala affair, please do stop by and say "Howdy." Maybe again this year we can arrange a dinner meeting with the guys and gals of QCWA. Last year was fun. Remember??

I intend to go to the Rochester Hamfest where last year I had the pleasure of presenting some 50 Year awards. I am very proud to say that this chapter has eleven 50 year members - and soon will be 12 when the certificate comes thru for W2LB. Those 50 Year Awards are really something to be able to show your friends. I am proud of mine!!!

May 8th I lost my old pal, W2RVH - K3BXZ. We were known many years ago as the "Rainbow Boys" and sang as a duo on many of the area broadcast stations. Rest In Peace, Cliff.

Many of our members, along with others, usually meet every Saturday at the Buffalo Trap and Field Club for conflag and luncheon about at noon. Come and join us! Our Chapter is looking for new fellows to join our group. Besides, we are looking for that free banner when we get that FIFTY members that we are so close but still too far.

"GOOD FRIENDS TODAY, TOMORROW AND ALWAYS"

Ray Griswold, W2SD

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary George Apfel, W2GHV
Post Office Box 312; Park Ridge, N.J. 07656

The second quarterly meeting and dinner of the Northern New Jersey Chapter was held at the Rochelle Park Ramada on May 9th, with 106 guests and members present.

Goodly sized groups were present from both the Metro New York and Delaware Valley Chapters, as were representatives of the SOWP and OOTC.

Fifty Year certificates were awarded to W2AOM, W2DAB, and W2RXJ. Of those at the dinner, K2ER was the longest licensed amateur - SIXTY FOUR YEARS! Congratulations, Chuck Porter.

A motion was passed to wish a speedy recovery to members W2JE, Gus Girona and W2CQI, Irving Rosenberg, both of whom were hospitalized at the time.

President Hasslinger, W2CVF, appointed a nominating committee composed of W2PN, W2OG, W2KO, W2RTV, W2OK, W2IO and W2KIE, in accordance with the Chapter By-laws. W2CVF announced that he is not available as a candidate for re-election.

A Silent Key Committee was appointed, whose duty it will be to assist surviving members of deceased Amateurs to dispose of unwanted amateur gear. For the Northern Area, W2CCS was appointed; Southern Area, W2KIE; Western Area, W2IO. A moment of silence was observed in memory of those who have become Silent Keys since the inception of QCWA.

It was unanimously voted by the members that the Chapter go on record as vigorously objecting to the consideration of Associate Membership in local chapters of Amateurs of less than 25 years of service. A copy of the resolution was forwarded to the National President.

Secretary W2GHV reported membership at 136. K2BC reported the treasury at \$145 - some of which was profit from our previous dinner.

The business meeting was adjourned at 9:20 and an entertaining "slide with sound" presentation of "Safari in East Africa" was presented by "Musty" Musterman, W2TP.

George Apfel, W2GHV

NORTHWEST CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Harold Johnston, W7PN
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On-the-Air: Every Sunday 8:30 a.m. - 3655 kHz CW
Daily 12:00 Noon - 7260 kHz AM, SSB
Every Sunday 3:00 p.m. - 3955 kHz SSB

Fifty persons were present at the Section IV meeting in Portland, March 14. There was a goodly showing from Sections I and II. After a delicious meal at the Country Kitchen Restaurant, the main speaker Francis McCall, Engineer in Charge of the Portland F.C.C., gave a very informative talk on the Licensing Restructuring Docket 20282. Following the talk, the meeting was turned over to questions from the audience. A very enjoyable time was had by all. Roy, W7ERL, is to be complimented on the excellent planning for the occasion.

Roy does not plan continuing as the Section Rep, so someone should speak up to keep things moving and arrange for next year's dinner. Make your desires known so the incoming Chairman can line up his staff.

Section II dinner-meeting was held in Centralia on April 26. Sixty-seven were present. Tex, W7AHK, announced that the 1976 Annual Meeting will be in Vancouver, Washington and the facility would be announced at the June meeting. W7EEA announced that during the Sesqui-centennial at Vancouver, a commemorative station will be set up, using W7AIA. The main speaker was Doris, KL7GLH, who is on leave from the Alaska Missions. Her talk was illustrated with color slides of life in the remote villages of Alaska. Representations from Sections I, II and IV were present.

By the time this Newsletter is received, the Tacoma Annual Meeting will have become history. Pre-registrations were way above expectations and we were assured of a wonderful meeting. Hope we saw you there. The Convention Committee is certainly to be complimented on a fine job. Thanks, Vince, W7JAN; Cliff, W7MFG; Roy, W7AZE and Doc, W7OS.

We have had three silent keys since the last bulletin, namely: "Fran" Ingalsbe, W7CAM; Carl Braun, W7HRV; and Jeff Atwood, W7AWP. May they Rest in Peace.

A special thanks to those who sent in contributions for the bulletin. We had response from 50% of the previous mailing list. THANK YOU.

Harold Johnston, W7PN

PITTSBURGH CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Mark Moore, W3LPF

3708 West 7th Avenue; Beaver Falls, PA 15010

On-the-Air: Every Sunday morning, 0930 local - 3910 kHz $\pm$ 5 kHz

The second meeting of the year was held at Tonidale Restaurant on Sunday, April 6. Twenty-one chapter members plus sixteen YLs and two guests - W3SF and a young YL novice, Donna Kerr, WN3ZBU were present for a grand total of 39.

The pix, taken by official fotog W3KVS, shows the oldest member present, Carl, W3KPI, 75 years young; and Donna Kerr, WN3ZBU, 15 years old.



Carl, W3KPI

Donna, WN3ZBU

Interesting highlight of the meeting was Steve's, W3LPP, displaying his first ham radio log of 51 years ago. Two entries in that log were that of W3KRG and W3SF who were present for the first eyeball after half a century.

The young lady, Donna, WN3ZBU, is a protege of Sid, W3JQ. She has a brother, Greg, who is also a novice. The table centerpiece went to Martha, YL of W3KRG.

The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday Noon, June 8th, at Tonidale. This is an important meeting in that an election for President and Secretary for the next year will be held. We invite all QCWA members in this area for this coming event.

W3DM, W3KVS, W8CWY, W3LGD and their respective YLs plus W8RZ and W8ERR attended the QCWA-00TC banquet at the Dayton Hamvention, which in our estimation was a truly memorable affair. Our only regret was that our Honourable Executive Secretary, Ethel, K4LMB, did not have a chance to speak and we did not meet her personally. Contact W3KVS for pix of this event.

We welcome W3LQS, Gear, of Pittsburgh, and W3TTV, Joe of Connellsville, Pa. to the fraternity. We now have thirty active members plus forty-eight inactive members for a total of 78 making up the Pittsburgh Chapter. We have come a long way. Let's get the rest of the gang going. Don't forget the net every Sunday morning at 0930 on 3910 kHz. W3KWH usually acts as net control or W3KPI as alternate.

J. Mark Moore, W3LPF
Joseph Soroka, W3LGD

SAILFISH CHAPTER

Luncheon meeting the third Thursday of every month

For Information: Contact Secretary Bill Jochimsen, K4ZK
454 Skyline Drive; Jensen Beach, FL 33457

Sailfish Chapter QCWA of Stuart, Florida, had a luncheon meeting at the Caboose Restaurant, May 15th. There were 25 members and guests present. This was the second meeting of Sailfish Chapter, and all present enjoyed the meeting.

On invitation from the Florida Power and Light Company, ten members and wives of our chapter made an inspection tour of the large Atomic Energy Electric Generating Plant on Hutchinson Island near Ft. Pierce. There was much discussion of this project at our luncheon meeting. After our visit to this marvel of engineering and construction work, we were all agreed that this is a very necessary manner in which our country can help solve our energy crises. We were also impressed very much with the manner in which they have made the operation of these plants as near fool-proof as humanly possible.

The picture below shows Merle Isrealson, W4NEJ, being presented with his Golden Anniversary Award. Merle was first licensed under the old Department of Commerce in 1920. He has been continuously licensed since that time.



Merle Isrealson, K4NEJ

Herb Combs, W4KEB, Chapter President - Bill Jochimsen, K4ZK, Secretary

The Sailfish Chapter has a luncheon meeting the third Thursday of every month. We invite all visiting amateurs and their wives to attend. Our membership has been growing steadily since our Charter meeting in March when we started out with 20 members.

Herb Combs, W4KEB

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Si Morrison, W6OSD
108 Jefferson Avenue; Chula Vista, CA 92010
On-the-Air: Each Wednesday evening at 2000 local - 28.6 MHz

Our March brunch meeting was held at Vacation Village Hotel in San Diego's beautiful Mission Bay. It was a most enjoyable affair. President Roy Maxson, W6DEY, had the opportunity to introduce all Chapter past-presidents. These gentlemen were Lou Cartwright, K6SQ; Romeo Bilodeau, K6PM; Jerry Estep, W6JAO; and Bob Crain, K6CM.

Also in attendance was Tom Ware, W6CF. Tom is planning retirement to a picturesque cottage on the edge of Big Eagle Lake, in Minnesota. Tom reports the fishing is excellent. He also said he contemplates returning to one of our chapter functions for the presentation of his 50 year award. Obviously they have not yet established a chapter at the lake. We appreciate Tom's loyalty!

Our last regular dinner meeting on May 13 was another memorable event. After the social hour and an excellent dinner and the usual short business meeting, Programs Director Frank Jallu, W6GU, introduced James Spurgeon, who is a design engineer at CONVAIR and a nationally recognized authority on gliders. He spoke on the history of gliders and many of the men who pioneered their development. We were surprised to be made aware of the many "aviation firsts" which have been recorded here in the San Diego area. After the meeting, several of our ladies commented on how much they enjoyed our dinner meetings. Apparently the Frank Jallu strategy of having programs of wide general interest now has the YFs bringing the OMs out to the meetings. Attendance has been very gratifying.

Romeo and Helen Bilodeau, K6PM, are now on a trip to the East Coast where they will visit friends and relatives in Canada and New England. In order to enjoy his trip, Romeo thoughtfully turned over all his Treasurer's books and money to the chapter secretary.

Please remember that San Diego will host the 1978 ARRL National Convention. Our San Diego County Amateur Radio Council has decided to call the event The San Diego International/ARRL National Convention, and will extend an invitation to all Amateurs, particularly our good friends "North" and "South" of the border. At the same time, we will look forward to holding the QCWA Annual Meeting in our sunny and hospitable city. Plan ahead, folks. We'll make you really WELCOME.

Si Morrison, W6OSD

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Moe Joffe, W6PHE
7259 Willoughby Avenue; Los Angeles, CA 90046
On-the-Air: Sundays, 9:30 a.m. - 3917 kHz
Sundays, 11:00 a.m. - CW Net - 3695 kHz

Our Spring Dinner Meeting was held on April 26 at the Sportsman's Lodge in Studio City. There were 154 in attendance. The setting, service and prime rib dinner were superb. The speaker of the evening, Mr. Gordon Currie, held the group spell-bound with his stories and adeptness at the art of caricature. I shall treasure the one he made of me. This get-together will be a hard one to beat.

50 Year Awards. Congratulations to Carl Schultz, W6CG; Andy Ranhosky, W6EYU; Harold Scott, W6KTS; Ed Luckey, W6MJ; Phil Amborn, W6PA; George Watson, K6WL, for having reached their "Majority." Andy Ranhosky, Ed Luckey and George Watson were at the dinner and received their certificates in person.

Incidentally, one of our members recently evidenced a curiosity as to how many of our group had received their Golden Anniversary Awards, and of that number how many were entitled to the bi-yearly endorsement. Of the 85 who have received the awards, 2 are entitled to the 12 year endorsement

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22	"	"	"	"	4 year	"
36	"	"	"	"	2 year	"

The rest of the bunch are neophytes, and will have to serve their apprenticeship for at least one and some for two more years before they can claim an endorsement. We hope to be able to issue endorsement stickers at our next dinner meeting.

Results of the Election of Officers for 1975 was that Archie Willis, W6LPJ, was elected Chairman. The rest of the officers remain as they were last year.

Our Poet Laureate - Believe it or not, we have a poet in our midst. He is Ben Jackson, W6JF. He sent this little gem along with his assessment:

Here is the Buck that seems to be due
To keep the Bulletin coming from you.
Sorry I can't make the Spring Dinner, too.
You'll know the reason when you're 82!

Sunday Morning Net - C'mon you guys, join in on the chit-chat that goes on the Sunday morning QCWA Net. Try it once and you will become a regular participant. See the schedules above.

Moe Joffe, W6PHE

SUNCOAST CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Morris L. Brown, K4GSL
44 Orange Street; Nokomis, FL 33555

Our May luncheon was well attended. There were 72 members and guests present.

A report on Arturo Lynch, W4EKJ, was given by Frank Lester, W4AMJ. Art has been hospitalized for some time but is coming along okay after his operation and will be sending CW again soon.

Our Chairman, Jim Balmer, K4ISG, said small tabs were being made up with the words "50 Year" engraved on them. They will be attached to our present Suncoast Chapter badges and will be given to all members who have been Amateurs for 50 years or more. Just request one at our October meeting. No charge!

We are sorry to report the passing of two of our members. Fred Schnell, W4CF, who had been honored with the Meritorious Service Award from our National Headquarters only the previous month, passed away on April 11. Fred had a most interesting and useful career. More than 50 years ago, as a radio amateur, he was the first to exchange two-way short wave radio signals across the Atlantic - with a French Amateur operator. Before retiring, Fred had a long and useful career in industrial and commercial radio engineering.

Another of our old time members, Henry Blessing, W4FZ1, passed away on April 26. Our sympathy to the families of these fine men.

Two committees were appointed to aid the widows of deceased members in disposing of radio gear. Don Bearce, W4SUH, will aid the families in Sarasota and North and Charley Whysall, K4WZ, our ex-secretary, has volunteered to aid families South of Sarasota. We sure hope these two good men will have nothing to do.

Frank Borsody, K4EC, showed pictures at our May luncheon of places he had visited overseas - in Tehran, Korea, South Vietnam, and other countries.

With many of our members on vacation this summer, meetings will be suspended until October 1 (the first Wednesday of the month.) Enjoy your vacation, Fellows, and come back good and strong for our new season.

Bill Soehl, W4GHR

SUNFLOWER CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Joe Brungardt, W0NEE
1507 S. Green; Wichita, KS 67211

The Sunflower Chapter of Kansas met Saturday evening, May 3, at the Heritage House, Wichita, for a dinner-meeting.

The new Sunflower Chapter banner was on display for the first time. All present seemed to be of the opinion that the banner looked much nicer than any other - probably because it was new!

Dick Caspari, W0YZB, President, was in charge of the meeting. His program consisted of each member present giving a short talk about how he got started in Amateur Radio, his occupation, and anything he thought might be interesting. It was very entertaining. Occupations varied from City Attorney to Airport Mgr. Everyone agreed that a permanent record should be started outlining a brief sketch of each member. Surprise of the evening was when the ladies present refused to give out any information about themselves.



Here are pictures of some of the members and guests at the May 3 meeting at Heritage House in Wichita. Left to Right: E.E. "Red" Dinsmore, WA0LYX; Mrs. Caspari and Richard Caspari, W0YZB. "An interested QCWA member", F.J. Brungardt, W0NEE, and Richard Cobb, W0HI, manager of the Central Area Traffic Net.



The meeting finally adjourned as the place was closing!

The next meeting will be at the Holiday Inn, Salina, Kansas, on May 31, the evening before the Central Kansas Hamfest.

C.S. Schultz, W0CNJ

SYDNEY AUSTRALIA CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Pierce Healy, VK2APQ
69 Taylor Street; Bankstown, 2200 NSW, Australia

Sydney Chapter is now up to forty members and going strong. President Harry Caldecott, VK2DA has been hoping to work some QCWA members on 20 meters. He has now retired and is on the bands quite a lot. He is about ready to apply for the Golden Anniversary Certificate. Below is a photo of Harry at the rig. The antenna is a TH6DXX at 76 feet.



WISCONSIN CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary J. Travis Baird, W9VQD
6815 N. Ironwood Lane; Glendale, WI 53217
On-the-Air: Sunday mornings, 9:00 a.m. - 3985 kHz.

Our membership is growing. We had 110 when we put out the new directory and we have added another six since then.

On Friday, April 11, the Miller Brewing Company of Milwaukee hosted our group of members and their wives. We took a tour of their Caves and terminated in the High Life Room of the Miller Inn. We had a film from their film library as well as rag-chewing until 11 p.m.

The Spring meeting will be held at Smith Brothers Fish Shanty Restaurant, Port Washington on Saturday, June 7.

Chet Sakura, W9CTI, has left for Africa for about a year, joining his Doctor son who is in Kijrbe, Kenya. He will be serving as a short term missionary for the African Inland Mission. He will be doing some radio duties besides operating an Amateur Radio station there.

J. Travis Baird, W9VQD
Tom Gettelman, W9IZO

WEST BRANCH CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Joe Smertneck, W3KDK
2515 West 4th Street; Williamsport, PA 17701

The West Branch Chapter held its Spring Dinner Meeting on March 17 at the Carlton Manor in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. Twelve members and one guest attended and enjoyed excellent fellowship and a delicious dinner.

Our Charter was issued in December, 1973. The present membership stands at 18. The next meeting is scheduled for September 15, 1975, when we will have an election of officers.

A picture of some of our crew appears below.

Ed Crowe, W3GPR



LONG ISLAND CHAPTER - Continued

Temporary officers selected by the organizing committee are:

President: Art DeVinney, W2RRY
Secretary: Karl Johnson, K2KM
Treasurer: Cliff Campbell, W2HVD

Our second bi-monthly meeting, at which applications for Charter Membership will still be accepted, will be held June 13th at the Freeport (N.Y.) Elks Club. The featured speaker will be Harry Dannals, W2TUK, President of ARRL. (Harry has expressed his intention to become a member of our chapter.)

Send items of interest for LIQCWA Newsletter to W2JGR.

Art DeVinney, W2RRY.

QCWA MEMBERSHIP

Applicants for QCWA membership must have held an amateur radio license at least 25 years ago and must, at the time of applying, hold a valid amateur license. Proof of eligibility must be shown.

An Entry Fee of \$3 is charged for initial membership. Dues in the amount of \$10 for three years are payable in advance with the application. Life membership may be obtained for \$50 plus Entry Fee.

CHAPTER CHARTER

QCWA Chapters may be formed, upon approval of the Board of Directors, by petition of at least ten QCWA members in good standing living in the same geographical area.

CERTIFICATES

Membership certificates, numbered in chronological order, are issued to each new member. Blue certificates and membership cards are issued to regular members; Gold certificates and membership cards are issued to Life Members.

Golden Anniversary certificates are issued, upon request and proof of eligibility, to those who have completed 50 years in amateur radio.

A most impressive "Meritorious Award" is issued to individuals upon request of their chapter and justification to the Board of Directors.

A Bronze plaque is rotated to the winner of each annual QCWA QSO Party. The winner of three consecutive QSO parties is entitled to keep the plaque permanently.

An "Operating Award" certificate is issued to each member of QCWA who proves contact with 100 QCWA members.

QCWA SUPPLIES

QCWA Lapel pin, Gold plated, with call	\$3.00
Pin clasp, screw button, or clutch pin	
Blazer Emblem, QCWA Logo	3.00
500 Red stamps - for Regular Members	1.75
500 Yellow stamps - for Life Members	1.75
500 Red stamps imprinted "50 Years in Amateur Radio."	2.00
QCWA auto decal (4 inches)	.25
Chapter Banners *	30.00

*Free to Chapters having 50 or more members

(All prices are subject to change.)



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QCWA NETS

Wed: 2400 UTC - 7035 kHz
Alternate frequency 7045 kHz
W2JBL NCS; W9CV & W9RC Alternates

Sun: 2100 UTC - 14,345 kHz
W2SF NCS East, W2AIM Alt.
W6FQ NCS West